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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3600
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: N.A. Rudy et al. Attorney Docket No. DESS117968
Application No.: 10/068,470 Group Art Unit: 3651
Filed: February 5, 2002 Examiner: J.E. Valenza
Title: CONVEYOR BELT ASSEMBLY

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Seattle, Washington 98101

September 21, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	27	Minus	26	=	1	x	18	=	18.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	x	86	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$18.00

X 2. Check No. 158196 in the amount of \$18.00 is attached.

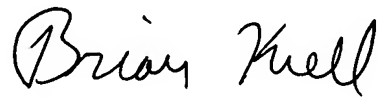
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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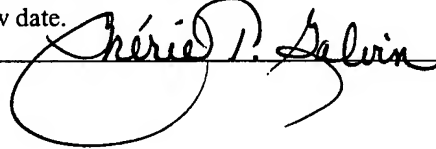


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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit the following amendment and response and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application at an early date.

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